GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NUMBER OF INDIANS IN GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians living in Gulf Countries as on date, country-wise; and

(b) the arrangements made for the evacuation of these people in the case of exigency due to the ongoing Iraq war?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) The approximate number of Indians living in Gulf countries as on date is as follows:-

Saudi Arabia	:	1.4 million
United Arab Emirates	:	1.2 million
Kuwait	:	350,000
Oman	:	330,000
Qatar	:	170,000
Bahrain	:	140,000
Yemen	:	5,000
Iraq	:	19

(b) Contingency plans have been drawn up to evacuate Indians living in Kuwait through Saudi Arabia.However, the airports at Kuwait and other Gulf countries have remained open to scheduled commercial flights from the beginning of the start of the hostilities in Iraq and there has been no request for evacuation of Indian nationals so far.